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CONTESTS & TOURNAMENTS

TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN FISHING CONTEST

With the help of the North Brookhaven Sport Fisherman's Club Inc. Brookhaven, for the first time, will sponsor a fishing contest at Cedar Beach in Mt. Sinai, on Sunday, August 26, 1973.

The contest will start at 5:30 AM and will run approximately until noon. The town of Brookhaven, to encourage and induce sport fishing, is going all out with their sound truck and will donate 25 trophies. There will be two divisions, a Senior Division, and a Junior Division for ages 14 and under.

There will also be casting contests for accuracy and distance, with trophies to be awarded. Rules and regulations for said contest will be handed out by a member of the N.B.S.F.C. at the entrance to Cedar Beach. Rain date will be September 2, 1973.

Jones Beach, Captree and Robert Moses State Park Fishing Contest

JULY CONTEST WINNERS

FROM THE SURF

1. Murray Sherman, E. Northport; Striped Bass, 26 lbs. 12 oz. **2. William Pizetsky**, E. Northport; Striped Bass, 24 lbs. 9 oz. **3. Joseph Dollity**, Yonkers; Striped Bass, 24 lbs. 4 oz.

FROM THE PIER & BANK

1. William Schmierer, Central Islip; Fluke, 8 lbs. 3 oz. **2. August Schall**, Islip Terrace; Weakfish, 7 lbs. 4 oz.

FROM THE BOAT

1. Patricia Litwin, Babylon; Bluefish, 17 lbs. 4 oz. **2. Thomas Corrado**, Selden; Bluefish, 17 lbs. 4 oz. **3. Hyman Simon**, Long Beach; Bluefish, 16 lbs. 8 oz.

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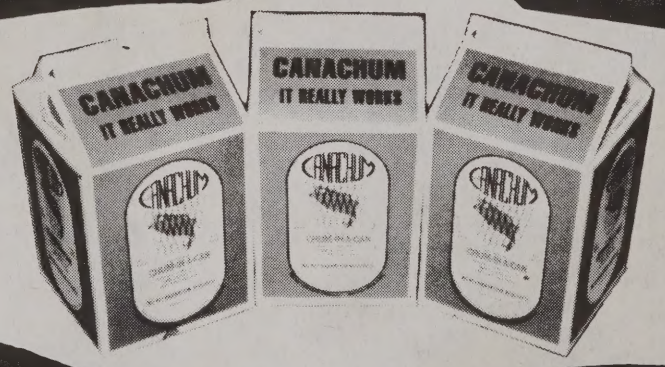

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A brave angler removes the hook from the jaws of a toothy mako shark. Photo by Bill Bornscheur.

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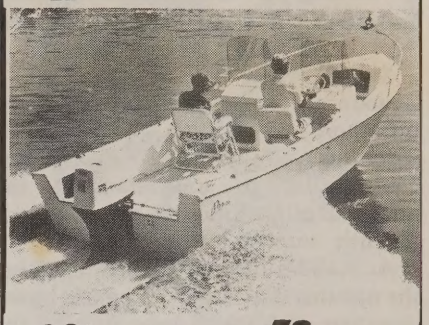

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News Releases

SOBA NEWS

Sierra Club of New England announced plans to produce a film on off-shore oil drilling. The film is intended to make a significant contribution to understanding the affects of oil pollution on the American Atlantic coast.

At SOBA's July 30th general meeting the membership authorized a minimum donation of $500 to help finance the Sierra oil film. It is unfortunate at this time when funds are needed for such a worthwhile project, proceeds from the monthly waste paper collection were cut 50%. For this reason they have to reduce spending in other areas. As you have already noticed, their newsletter has been reduced in size and distribution limited, in order to save cost. This cut will continue for some time until they can fulfill their commitment.

If the petroleum industry expends production to the Atlantic coastal waters, the real concern to the people of Long Island is the type of industry that must necessarily locate here to service the offshore wells. We can anticipate hundreds of miles of pipelines to onshore receiving stations sludge pits and storage tank farms. Deep water ports will be needed to handle supertankers 500,000 to 1,000,000 tons-longer and taller than the Great South Bay Captree Bridge.

Thus, coastal areas where oil activity is high become biological deserts: such as the sea bottom in New York harbor and western Long Island Sound, parts of Delaware Bay, the Houston ship channel and adjacent Galveston Bay.

For the Long Island public to make informed choices on the future use of coastal resources, a film describing these choices in an intellectually honest manner is both desirable and essential. A more detailed report on the film project by the Sierra Club is available from S.O.B.A. Write to: P.O. Box 55 Seaford L.I., 11783.

S.O.B.A's contribution of $500 will entitle us to one copy of the film and will be made available for showing on request. If the film project becomes a reality, you will be invited to the preview as soon as the film is made available. Will you please help SOBA make the Sierra oil film a reality by sending a donation.

Science Marches On!

Dr. Bob Lanier (alias "The Flying Sawbones") of San Antonio, Texas reports a new scientific discovery for the very painful and sometimes fatal tentacle sting of the Portugese Man O'War. Dr. Lanier reports that this new cure was revealed to him by a struggling intern who had applied the cure to a patient's wounds, strictly by accident. (Remind me to stay away from the intern.) "Test results are fantastic!" stated Dr. Lanier about this new cure (available from your local supermarket without prescription) "We should have had this years ago".

The name of this marvel of medical research is...Adolf's Meat Tenderizer! Courtesy of East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

Courtesy Motorboat Inspection

"Flotilla 18-6, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, will conduct, free of charge, a Courtesy Motorboat Inspection at Shoreline Marina, Center Moriches, dockside, on Sunday, August 19th, 10 AM-4 PM. Open to all private motorboat owners. For info, call 281-9576."

New Women's World Record

Vera Grebe of North Babylon now holds the world record for women with her catch of an 8 lb. 5 oz. weakfish on 6-pound test line. The following letter from the International Game Fish Association brought the good news:

Mrs. Veronica Grebe,

"Dear Mrs. Grebe:

We are happy to inform you that your 8 lb. 5 oz. Weakfish, caught on May 13, 1973, now holds the Women's 6-pound line test class World Record.

The Officials of the International Game Fish Association congratulate you on this fine catch, and a Certificate denoting your world record will be fowarded shortly.

With kindest regards,

Sincerly yours,

William K. Carpenter
President"

Vera fishes with her husband, George Grebe, aboard their family boat "Corky". Both are active members of the Babylon Tuna Club.

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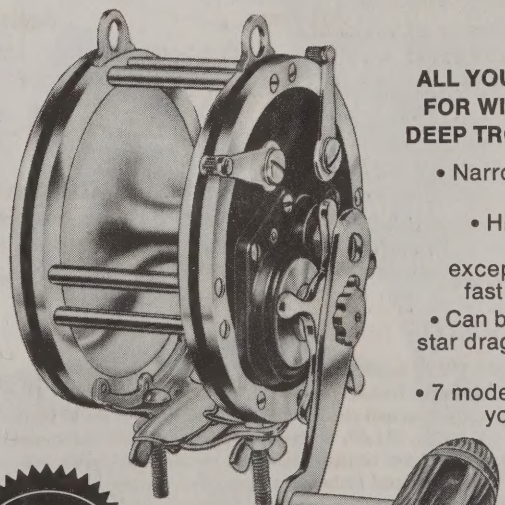

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LETTER FROM L.I. BASSMASTERS
To Suffolk County Executive

Sir:

Upon conclusion of the bass tournament conducted at Blydenburgh Park by the Long Island Bassmasters on June 3, 1973, a request was made to the Honorable M. Grant that a representative of the Parks Commission attend the next scheduled monthly meeting of the club to present proposed fishing privileges for Lake Ronkonkoma pending County acquisition. Mr. Corwin, Superintendent of Parks, who was present, assured me he would attend the next meeting, however, no further initiative has been taken by him.

The membership does not desire that privileges in force at the State Fisherman's Access site be restricted such as those now enforced at Blydenburgh Park which limits boat rental from 7:AM-6:PM. The Park Commissioner has established boat rental from Sunrise to Sunset regulations which are not adhered to by the Blydenburgh Superintendent.

The State Fisherman's Access site was acquired through the efforts of local fishermen by the Nature Conservancy who in turn held it a year until appropriation of State monies.

Lake Ronkonkoma is the only body of water on Long Island available to all fishermen and it is requested that the State retain this site.

Just this past week I contacted and requested a representative of the State Law Enforcement also meet with the club to discuss enforcement of fish & game regulations and have been ignored by them also.

Does a licensed freshwater angler not have any voice in Government concerning recreational facilities?

Sincerly yours,

Earl H. Glasshagel
L.I. BASSMASTERS of N.Y.
Past President & Founder"

200 Mile Concept Gets Important New Support

The recent introduction by Senator Warren Magnuson of bill number S-1988 marks the first time that the Congressional power structure has embraced the concept of extending U.S. fisheries jurisdiction to 200 miles. Already endorsed by such reputable organizations as the American Fisheries Society, Sport Fishing Institute, and the American Fishing Tackle manufacturers Association, the 200 mile limit would allow American marine biologists to manage our offshore resources in and intelligent manner of the good of all.

Senator Magnuson's support is bital since he is Chairman of the Commerce Committee, which must approve all fisheries legislation before it can come to the floor. His measure would extend U.S. fisheries jurisdiction on an interim basis, pending hoped-for satisfactory international agreements which may arise out of next year's Law of the Sea Conference. Senator Magnuson is a Congressional Advisor to the U.S. Delegation to that Conference and naturally was reluctant to make the move. However, he noted that there has been a lack of progress in the preliminary meetings, and with 130 nations involved, the potential for delay is inherently high. In the meantime, American fisheries are being rapidly destroyed. Senator Magnuson stated that protracted delay (in extending fisheries jurisdiction) would be intolerable, indeed dangerous!

Statistics produced during the submission of the bill show that as many as 776 foreign vessels per month were fishing off our shores last year. While the numbers involved are stabilizing, the ships are getting larger and more sophisticated, resulting in a great increase in effort on already severely depleted stocks.

Bipartisan co-sponsorship of S-1988 was provided by Senators Cotton (R-N.H.(; Hollings (D-S.C.); Pastore (D-R.I.); Stevens (R- Alaska and Jackson (D-Wash.). There are many bills in the House of Represenatives that would extend U.S. fisheries jurisdiction to 200 miles, notably H.R.-722, sponsored by Congressman Norman Lent (R-N.Y.), which has 27 co-sponsors under various bill numbers. A companion measure to Magnuson's S-1988 has been introduced in the House under the number H.R.-8665 by Congressman Gerry Studds (D-Mass.) In introducing the bill to extend fisheries jurisdiction to 200 miles on an interim basis, Studds stated,"Adequate and immediate management measures must be undertaken to conserve and protect our coastal and anadromous fish from depletion and possible extinction. We cannot afford to wait for further international negotiations. We must take immediate and unilateral action to insure the continued supply of fish".

The Emergency Committee urges concerned citizens to write or phone their congressman requesting support for S-1988 and HR-8665. Every

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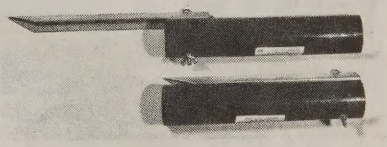

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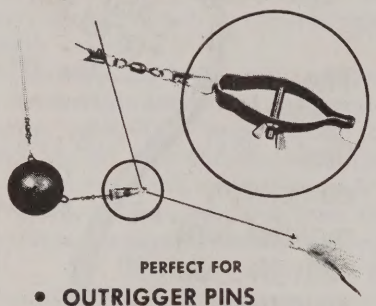

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Chum Lines

BOATERS SAFETY COURSE

Could you please tell me what the next date for a boater's safety course near West Islip will be?

Thomas A. Sullivan
West islip

We do not keep lists of the dates on which boating safety courses are held. Assuming you are referring to those given by the U.S. Coast Guard auxiliary, we publish them as they are released to us by the flotillas.

Perhaps your letter will bring a response from one of these groups, in which case the information will appear in these pages.

Correction of Fishing Report

I would like to correct the article in your Wantagh fishing report section, Aug. 9th, regarding Tony Mannino and son Billy's first shark fishing trip. The article stated..."buddy in accompanying boat skunked."

I would like to state that without the assistance of my buddy, an experienced fisherman of 20 years who guided us step by step, it would have been impossible to land the 90lb.Mako.

P.A. Mannino
East Meadow, N.Y.

From the tone of your letter it is obvious that you are one of those persons who will give praise when due, and not grab it all for yourself. We are most happy to make the correction you desire.

NO POETIC LICENSE ALLOWED

I have been an avid reader of your publication for several years. I had been fishing out of Rowaytin, Conn., and Montauk until a recent illness forced to forego my favorite sport.

I do have one particular gripe- Why can't fishing writers talk like fishermen. I have fished for many years from Cape Cod, down through the Florida Keys and the Caribbean but never have I heard a real fisherman call a tarpon a "Silver King". Never have I heard of a Bone fish called The "Silver Ghost of the flats", a striper called "Old Linesides" or a bluefish called a "Chopper."

These phrases or words just don't exist in a real fisherman's vocabulary. I know your fishing, and those other publications are usually accomplished fishermen, but why don't they speak the language. I suspect they are trying to romanticize the sport, but i can do without their flights of fancy and poetism, beautiful sunrises, blood red sunrises, and the like.

Please tell these chaps that a real fisherman like their stories accurate, beleivable, and realistic, No more phoney names for self-respecting fish.

No more "finny denizens of the deep" type of writing and most of us will be very happy.

W. Granville-Smith, Jr.
Harrison, N.Y.

Yes, it is a rare thing to hear a true fisherman say, "Old Linesides", or "Silver King",. But I think to call these "phoney names for self-respecting fish" is missing the point.

If we wanted to be truly accurate, then every time we mentioned a fish's name we would have to use the proper taxonomical nomenclature. In the name of precision, how many times have you called a striped bass, Morone saxatilis . *or a bluefish,* Pomatomus saltatrix *in your normal conversations with real fishermen?*

Variety is, supposedly, the spice of life, and a good author will always make some attempt to spice-up an article so that it doesn't sound like a scientific treatise. Without variety in many things, it would be a rather dull, mechanical world.

After recently renewing a subscription that I had let lapse, I was pleased to see that your magazine is indeed bigger and more informative then ever. I am particularly impressed by your column dealing with applications submitted to the United States Army Corps of Engineers. These type of columns I feel are very useful as they afford an opportunity for every sportsman to do his share in advance to prevent the further destruction of other coastal waterways.

I know, as a member of a number of fishing organizations, too often we hear it said: "I wish I knew they were gonna dredge that darn channel, so that I may have protested." With a column like yours this is no longer a valid excuse.

I was wondering whether your publication would consider doing an additional column concerning a 200 mile coastal limit. This way your

readers may know what their respective representatives position is on the matter. In addition, it would help us know of any proposed legislation, so that we may write our representatives and inform them of how to vote on a proposed bill.

Chuck Bowman
Bronx, N.Y.

Words of praise are always appreciated, and our sincerest thanks for them. Unfortunatley, we must disappoint some readers because we must, due to equal portions of lack of space and lack of interest by the fishermen, temporarily eliminate our announcements from The Army Corps of Engineers. This was a difficult decision to make, but no other one could be logically reached at this time.

In order to inform the reading fishermen of current happenings in the 200 mile fisheries limit battle, we will publicize whatever information is made available to us. We do ask, however, tha

available to us. We do ask, however that since there are many more eyes and ears out there than there are in here, please keep us posted with what you are learning

Also, it does little good to send letters of complaint to us; they should be properly forwarded to your elected representatives on the state and federal levels.

We hope to shortly feature an article written by Al Ristori and published by the R.J. Schaefer Company, which deals with this problem.

TO MAKE A PERSON SICK

In Chum Lines, the Aug. 9th issue, in the thoughts about fluke, one of the biggest group of violators are the Commercial Fishermen in Freeport. I have seen thousands of small baby fluke and other fish laying dead on the decks of Commercial boats. If you had seen this sight, it would have made you sick, what a shame and waste.

I wrote my Congressman about the 200 mile limit. He wrote back and said there are so many things involved, and everything takes time. That answer to me is worse than Watergate: Some Baloney Politics.

I do not fish anymore because I am disabled, but I try to help. I also enjoy your magazine.

John Discavage
Great Neck, N.Y.

Some commercial fishermen, as well as some party boat operations, some charter fisherman, and some private fishermen are all violators of the 14" minimum fluke length law. We are obligated to continue pointing this out because of the many continuing complaints from our readers. Again, we strongly urge them to contact the local law enforcement agent of the Department of Environmental Conversation when they become aware of violations; this must be done immediately, otherwise the evidence will disappear in some fashion.

The reply Mr. Discavage received from his congressman is typical of the responses that have been made to citizen inquiries and comments about a 200 mile fisheries limit. We need not only a 200 mile limit, but also new regulations, regardless of to whom they would apply- Americans or foreigners, that would halt the destruction of the offshore fishery.

FRESHWATER ON LONG ISLAND

I receive the L.I.F. and I would like to find the whereabouts of some of the lakes on L.I.

If you have such maps that show where the lakes and streams are located, I would appreciate you sending me one. If you don't have such maps, could you tell me where I can get the information I want?

Joe Sclafani
Brentwood,N.Y.

We know of no single, comprehensive map of all of Long Island's lakes and streams. Unless someone has published such map recently, your best source for this information would be the topographic quadrangles that are printed by The Government Printing Office in Washington.

You will first have to obtain the specific map numbers from the master list, then order the quadrangles.

Write to: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. All the information necessary for ordering can be obtained from this source.

If any of our readers have more specific information on this subject, we would appreciate them sharing it with the rest of us.

CLUB NEWS

The North Bellmore Trap and Skeet Club is looking for serious trap shooters to join. The club is also interested in contacting other trap shooting clubs or associations for purposes of stimulating some competition. For further information, contact: Fred Carpluck, (516) 826-8626.

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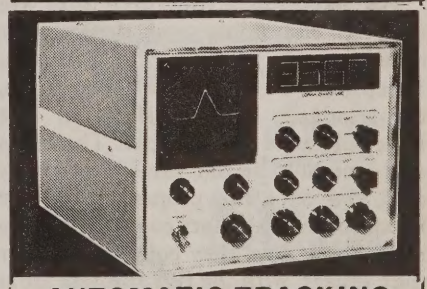

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Bottom Fishing for Blues in the Night

by Don Millus

There they were, these funny little marks on the graph, just above the peaks where the depth very suddenly went from over a hundred feet to about forty feet.

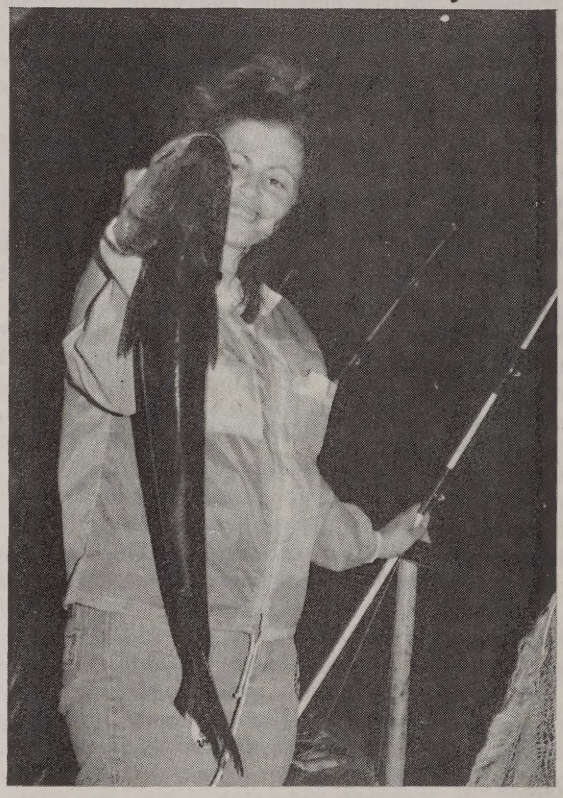
What the electronic gear showed were the schools of bluefish that waited in "The Race" for the baitfish to be swept over the shoals with the huge volume of water that was forced up by the sudden changes in depth. Captain John Halsey of the "Mijoy", and the other skippers that fish this eastern section of Long Island Sound, are never surprised when the fish show up on the scanner. The fact is that the big blues are there for the taking from early July to late in the fall.

For party boat fishermen who are used to chumming and drifting for blues on the boats our of Freeport, Sheepshead Bay, and New Jersey shore, the regularity of bluefishing in The Race will come as a surprise. The blues are generally in the same area every day, and once the proper ranges are lined up, the fish start coming over the rails. Some days they come over faster than others, with the fish running from five pounds on up, usually averaging well over seven or eight pounds.

Since The Race is only a forty-five minute run from the Niantic River (Waterford, Connecticut, Exit 74 on the Connecticut Turnpike), the open boats sail twice a day, at 6:00 A.M. and again at 1:00 P.M.. Ernie Schiller has started a night run this year, with the "Mijoy" pulling out at 7:00 every evening.

John Halsey was at the helm one recent night, and as he lined up the boat for the first drift, he mentioned that the blues were a bit late in arriving this year, with mostly stripers being taken until the end of the first week of July.

Down on the deck the mates were passing out eels and herring with 8/0 hooks protruding from their rear ends. The hooks are attached to a five-inch length of sash chain, which can be pulled through the baitfish with a length of wire. A simple clip (no swivel) is then run through the mouth of the fish and part of the chain, keeping the eel or herring from doubling up. The clip is attached by a ring to a twelve or sixteen ounce drail sinker, which is attached to a fifty pound or so monofilament line. A 4/0 reel and a stout boat rod complete the picture.



Nice fish, Nice angler.

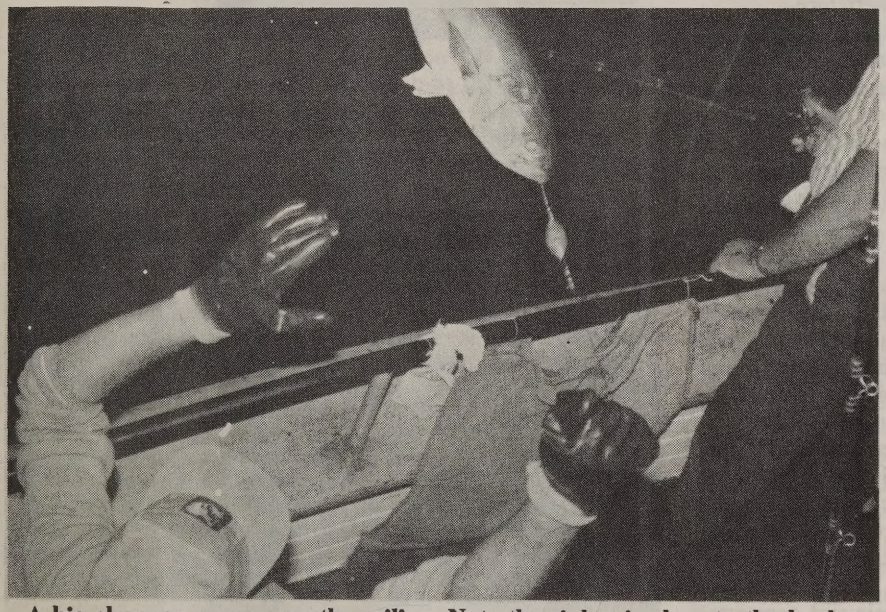
For the private boats or charter boats, trolling bait or lures behind wire lines will take the fish consistently, but for the party boats it has to be drift fishing to keep the lines from tangling.

The drift begins well up from the turbulent waters of the rip, where The Race shoals out. The line is let out to the bottom and immediately reeled up a few turns. Each time a bump from the bottom is felt, a few more turns are taken in. (Don't worry about the fish. When they take it, it's more like hooking a submarine!) At the end of the drift the angler who doesn't reel up quickly enough will end up losing his rig on bottom, as I did once that night. But a little care will keep the bait off the rocks and in sight of the fish.

Despite the heavy weights used, the blues put up a really good battle, and frequently manage to snap even the heaviest of lines if they get a bit of slack. But it's not just muscle that does it. The last night I was on the boat a woman took first prize in the pool, with her husband as runner-up. Fortunately, the pool isn't everything out there; there's just one, at a dollar apiece, and it keeps the competition from dominating the fishing. I've never enjoyed fishing with the "sharpshooters" myself, and a one-buck pool is a great way to discourage them.

Eels and herring aren't the only baits used. I've seen anglers bring their own frozen tinker-mackerel or sand porgies,

Captain John Halsey checks the picture on the bottom. Blues hang out just above the "peaks".



A big chopper comes over the railing. Note the sinker is close to the hook, which is attached by sash chain and clip.

and both can be deadly baits for the big choppers. At times the big jigs, with the hooks attached by barrel swivels to keep the fish on when they twist, will take the big blues. And, occasionally, a twenty or thirty pound striped bass will beat the speedy blues to the bait, especially over the shallower portions of The Race.

For anglers with their own boats who want to fish The Race, a trip out on the open boats might be a good way to learn the trade. Weekends get extremely crowed, with hundreds of small boats joining the bigger craft, but at night the traffic isn't as bad.

On the open boats the weekday trips are less crowded; 'Saturday morning' is, by far, the busiest trip. But, like any party boat fishing, a lot of consideration by fishermen and a lot of help from the mates goes a long way to making fishing easier.

By midnight the rip had slowed down, and the fishing slowed with it. One by one, the smaller charter boats slipped away towards the shore, and soon the big boat we were on had only the moon for company. I made a quick check of the fish bags, and the totals ranged from complete skunkings to four or five fish averaging over seven pounds.

No one can guarantee fish every trip, but bottom fishing for blues in The Race, night or day, gives everyone a good shot at some really good choppers. No chum flavored fish, either!

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Surviving Your First GIANT TUNA

"Oh my God, he's going to pull me right out of the boat!"

by Al Ristori

That's just about everyone's reaction the first time that they sit in a fighting chair and do battle with a giant tuna. When the boat is directly over this great fish, any sudden dive for the bottom will lift you right out of the chair to virtually a standing-up position. With your feet planted firmly on the foot rest and your body leaning back, there is really no danger of going over (the heavy drag will give first), but it is certainly a strange and uneasy moment for an angler who has never experienced the pull of a giant fish before.

That very pull-the thrill of feeling the great power of a giant tuna - is what captivates so many anglers about the sport of tuna fishing. However, your first giant tuna will be mostly incredibly hard work which will lead you to wonder why you ever got yourself involved in the first place. No matter how many fish you fight, it will never cease to be hard work but, as you become familiar with the proper way to pull on the tuna, each fish will get a little easier. Before long you'll be able to get out of the chair after an hour's fight and say,"Bring on the next one"!

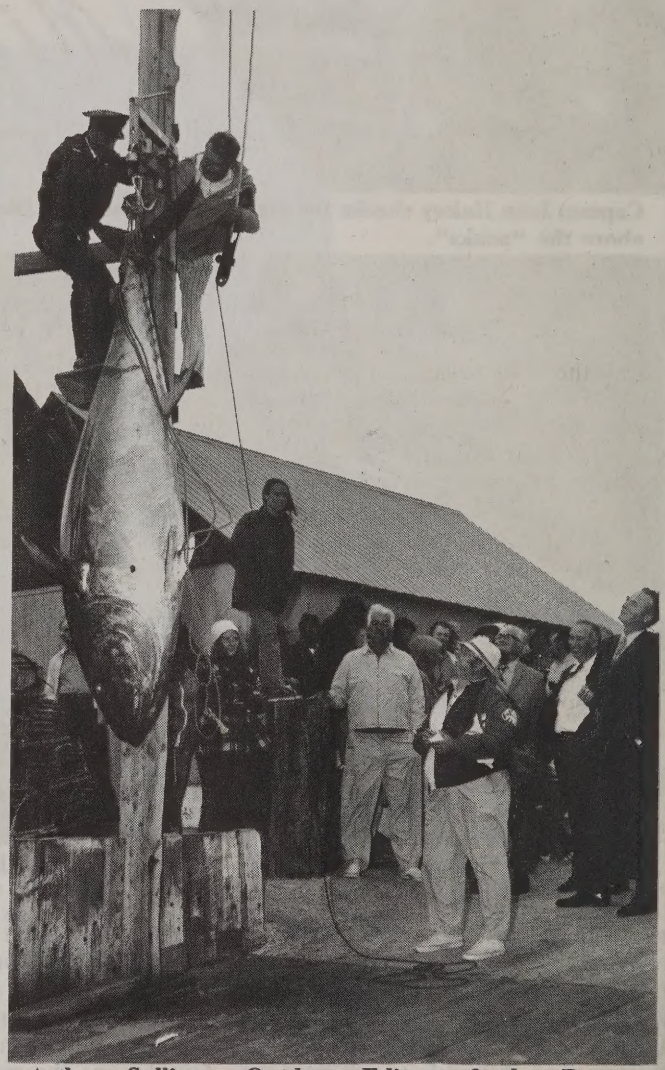
As explained in previous articles, giant tuna are normally fished with heavy strike drags. The exceptions to this rule would be if you were fishing from a small boat or had flimsy rod holders. Wooden butts are another point of concern. In these cases, fish with a light drag and set up as soon as you can get to the rod, because tuna will frequently drop a bait as soon as they feel something wrong with it.

Provided you can put the pressure on, try about 30 pounds of drag for striking purposes. More could be used, but you'd then find it almost impossible to get the rod out of the holder and not be pulled overboard by the tuna! A short, strong piece of nylon rope should be tied to the chair and connected to the reel via a heavy snap. Should the butt break on the strike, this safety line will prevent loss of the expensive reel and tip section. Of course, this safety line must be disconnected before taking the rod from the holder.

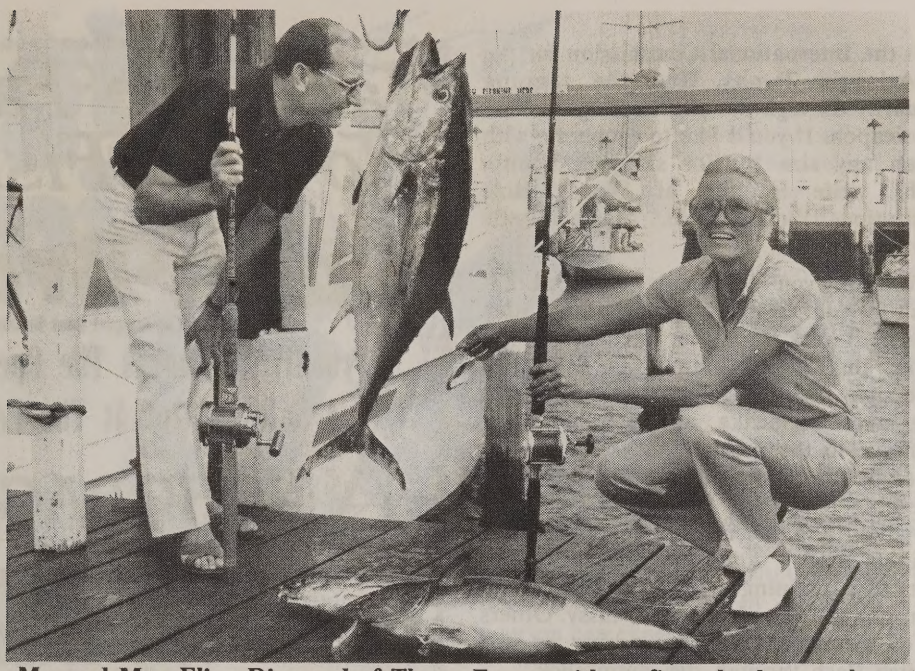
As soon as the fish is hooked, the crew must speed into action. Tuna hit at high speed and take line at an amazing rate when they feel the hook. The boat must follow the fish to keep the line as short as possible, and to try to steer the fish around other boats in the area. Once near the fish, and clear of obstacles, position is generally maintained by backing down. Naturally, this procedure is simpler for a twin screw boat than for a single screw. A red flag is raised to inform other boats that you're fighting a fish, and good sportsmanship dictates that they must stay out of your way as long as the fish is on.

After the initial run, increase your drag to 40 or 45 pounds and keep pressure on the fish at all times. When he pulls, lean back on him and force him to work against the rod. When the tuna gives a little, pump for all you're worth. Never let the fish rest or he'll recover more than you will.

Despite what sounds like non-stop work, you can actually pace yourself in the process and not wear yourself out immediately. The first thing to remember is that you can't pump on a giant tuna as you would a smaller fish. Use the kidney harness to advantage and pump with your legs and back, rather than with your arms. If your boat is light enough to tow, so much the better; the tuna will soon kill himself in doing so. An additional technique frequently used to get a deep fighting fish up is to run the boat ahead slowly and



Arthur Sullivan, Outdoor Editor of the Boston Record-American, anxiously awaits the announcement of the weight of his giant tuna taken out of North Lake, Prince Edward Island - a hot spot for really giant tuna. It turned out to be 804 pounds!



Mr. and Mrs. Elian Diamond of Theyz, France with a fine school tuna taken at Montauk. Fish such as this are now uncommon due to the depredations of tuna seiners.

plane the tuna toward the surface.

After some experience, you'll be able to judge the strength of your fish. A fresh tuna will be nothing but sheer speed and power. The tiring fish, however, will tend to shake his head occasionally and beat his tail hard to maintain his swimming pace. This is the time to really apply the pressure and get the fish coming your way. Tuna have amazing recuperative powers and, if allowed to rest at this point, can literally fight the battle anew, as if you had hooked a fresh fish!

When the double line appears, the crucial moments of the fight are at hand. Now you must call on your aching muscles for all their remaining strength. If you let the fish get down at this point, it may be a long time before you see it again; therefore, get that adrenalin pumping and work like you've never worked before to get that double line on the reel. By this time you should have wet, doubled gloves on at least your left hand(I prefer to wear them on both hands). Once the double line is on the reel you are actually working with 260 pounds of breaking strength, rather than just the 130 pounds with which you've been fighting the fish up to this point. Now you can add pressure with the drag and, most importantly, with your left hand.

Grab the doubled line with your gloved left hand and hold on for dear life. If the fish is pulling too hard, give up line only grudgingly, and then only inches at a time. You must break the fish's spirit now-literally turn him over in the water! Failure to do so may mean another long fight, so don't stop for a rest. If you can't hold the fish, and the double line gets off the reel, drop back to your original drag and work him up again.

Once you've brought the leader near the tip, it's the crew's responsibility to boat the fish. Unless you're short of crew and are needed in the gaffing procedure, stay in the chair and be prepared to deal with a wild fish should they lose the wire. If you do have to get out of the chair, reduce the drag to "strike" and secure it in a rod holder. Wiring of the tuna is the critical boatside procedure; the wireman, equipped with wet, doubled gloves, must grab the leader and bring the giant within reach of the gaffer. It takes a lot of guts to hang onto that wire with perhaps 700 pounds of raw muscle at the other end, but good wiremen, like Marty Hoffa of New York and Hymie of the Kings Bay Striper Club, never let go, even when it appears that the fish is going to take them overboard!

To take the wraps, put the wire between thumb and forefinger and rotate your hand counter-clockwise. If the pressure is too great, you can open up your hand and allow the wraps to pull off without taking your fingers along. Actually, well played-out giant tuna aren't difficult to handle on the wire. A "green" fish can be a real problem, however, so crews new to the sport should take the time to really tire out the fish before attempting to bring it alongside.

Gaffing a fish of this size isn't terribly difficult, as it makes a heck of a big target. Try to lay the gaff over the fish's back and hit him near the head rather than the tail. After the first one is in, a second gaff is sunk to provide better control and, after the fish has quieted down, a meat hook is inserted in his mouth to lift him on the gin pole or bring him aboard through a stern door.

It's not a bad idea to tow the fish backwards for a few minutes to help kill him before trying to bring him aboard. In fact, many boats hang their tuna off the bow and only boat them before returning to port.

You can eliminate all of the problems involved in gaffing and boating the great fish by tagging him in cooperation with a program sponsored by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Especially at Montauk, the giants are often wasted as the market can absorb only a few giant tuna each day, and no one is interested in trucking a huge carcass to New York for a few pennies per pound. On the other hand, you can make a real contribution to scientific research by putting a Woods Hole tag in your giant.

Frank Mather has been tagging bluefin tuna since 1954, and has come up with some startling results. Commercial pressure on the school tuna has been so heavy since the early sixties that tag returns have run as high as 40%. The result is an almost total lack of giants under 500 pounds at a time when we are enjoying the greatest fishing ever for those 500 pounds(fish spawned before the seiners arrived on the East Coast). Mather has been trying to obtain some protection for

bluefin tuna through the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, and the tagging results(obtained primarily through the efforts of sportsmen) have been his prime weapon. If you'd like to cooperate with Mather's program on any size tuna(or skipjack, bonito, marlin and sailfish), write to him at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts 02543, for tags and information.

After reading the foregoing, you're probably convinced that giant tuna fishing isn't for you. Granted, it is expensive, time consuming and lots of hard work if you ever have the thrill of hooking up. However, there's just nothing in fishing to compare with it. The sight of huge shapes darting through your chum line, the smashing strike, and the "no holds barred" fight are unique to the sport.

Not everyone will enjoy the fighting of the fish itself, but most will find something about the sport that fascinates them. One of the very best tuna fishermen, Eddie Murray of Amityville, never fights a fish anymore, but tastes the challenge of the sport by captaining his boat "Cookie" and finding means of tempting the fish when they're fussy. Others get the thrills out of wiring, gaffing, chumming or just watching the great fish flash through the chum slick.

When tuna are abundant, experts are quickly made. You can fish tuna for years and learn relatively little. But get into red-hot fishing for a few days and you'll soon build up a massive supply of confidence.

For instance, last fall I fished the U.S.A.T.T. President's Tournament at Provincetown with a Freeport Tuna Club contingent that had never boated a giant tuna before. They weren't even prepared for a chumming tournament, since this had been a strictly trolling event until last fall. Nevertheless, everyone carried out his assignment well, and we boated six giant tuna up to 836 pounds in three days, tying Babylon Tuna Club's "Cookie" for most fish, and winning the trophy for greatest weight. In the process, we had beaten out the finest private and charter boats on the coast with a "green" crew. It's just a matter of being at the right place at the right time, and getting the chances that will eventually result in success.

As of the time this is written, nothing has happened concerning giant tuna at Montauk. However, it could break open at any moment (or, conversely, they may miss the Point altogether this year). Broken lines are already being reported in the BA Bouy and Mud Hole areas, but the real giant tuna action is in the Gloucester area. Ever since mid-July there's been good action there, and it should get better from mid-August through the end of September. Practically every serious tuna fisherman from Long Island has already brought his boat up there, and some have taken quite a few fish already. Since the big run started there two years ago, catches of two to three a boat have been routine. One day, Judd York, Oscar Amoruso and I tagged and released five giants aboard Judd's 40' Chrisavitch "Compass Rose III", and weren't even high hooks for the day!

Prince Edward Island also has excellent fishing and produces the biggest of giant tuna into early October. However, bad weather becomes a real factor there in September. Newfoundland provides great tuna fishing in the summer, but it's a lot harder to get to than the other spots.

No matter where you go, or how you fish, don't fail to try giant tuna fishing this year. It's never been better in U.S. waters, and due to the depredations of the seiners, it's likely to last only through the current crop of giants. After that, it will be something to tell your children about. Do it now, and discover a new dimension in fishing!

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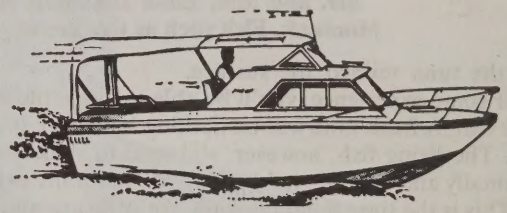

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Night Diving

by
Bill Bornscheur

Have you been diving for a few years? Are you looking for a new adventure? Just plain tired of the same old thing?

Try SCUBA diving at night. Long Island waters offer some good, if not great, diving opportunities during normal daylight hours, but diving after sundown can add a fantastic new dimension to this already great sport.

Night, the ebony blanket that restricts human movement, provides the sea creatures with a freedom of unrestricted wandering as they venture forth from their daytime hiding places in their endless search for food. At night, the diver is continually treated to a vast array of unusual sights that daytime divers seldom see.

At night the lobster begins his nocturnal crawl for prey; be it crab, a piece of kelp, or perhaps another lobster, as they are very cannibalistic. At night the lobsters eyes glow like orange fire, and many times a diver will spot these long before he can distinguish the shape of the lobster, itself. As a rule lobsters are not disturbed by a diver's light. They are, however, extremely sensitive to vibrations in the water and their antennae wave continuously in search of danger.

Darkness allows huge schools of squid to sneak into shallow water, their large eyes staring as their jet-propelled bodies scoot past. Squid seem curious about a diver at night and do not panic, but merely keep their respective distance.

One night I was treated to a wonderful little act by a small squid. While in shallow water the tiny Cephalopod appeared in the beam of my light and proceeded to change colors, a different color every few seconds. After he ran through the rainbow a few times, he departed as quickly as he had arrived.

Diving at night, a person can expect the strange and even weird events to become commonplace. I have often picked up bottom fishing rigs, pulled to dislodge them from rocks, and found fish still hooked and fighting! If you can imagine the surprise of the situation, the strength of fish like blackfish is really something. I have also seen lobsters with rubber bands on their claws, escapees from the lobster boats.

One of my wildest experiences happened in Long Island Sound. After a long dive I headed for the surface with my catch of bugs. Just below the surface, I became aware of a turbulence, and, on breaking the surface, was surrounded by flying spray and fish.

A huge school of blues had cornered some baitfish and were tearing them apart. Fish, and pieces of fish, flew through the air, and blues swam between my legs and my arms, banging into me in their mad frenzy. After things quieted down, I realized how lucky I was in not being bitten.

At night, predatory fish such as striped bass, bluefish, weakfish and sometimes fluke roam freely, but those blunt headed bulls, the blackfish, usually sleep and can be approached - and even touched - quite easily. Blacks retreat to the safety of the rocks and kelp, wedge themselves in and go to sleep, often in the most ridiculous positions. Sometimes blackfish will sleep in the same hole as a lobster; it seems the bugs don't mind an occasional overnight guest.

When disturbed, the larger blackfish communicate loudly among the school, uttering a series of slow, bell-like grunts clearly audible to the diver. This is their way of alerting each member of the school to danger.

The oddest looking fish, in my opinion, is the bottom - dwelling flatfish, the sundial. Sundials look like an old man with whiskers, their goo-goo eyes moving independently, searching for food.

Sometimes, at night, a striped bass will pay the diver a quick visit by swimming in the beam of light. These bass are curious, but not for long. They take a quick look and leave, leaving the diver a little startled. Seaworms perform a slow, undulating dance as they wiggle about in search of a new home.

Night diving is not for the beginner, and should be attempted only after you have had some solid experience under your weightbelt. When diving at night, never go it alone; a good diving buddy is your best asset.

Divers should always wear a hood for protection from rocks and underwater obstructions. A good pair of gloves (preferably cotton) will save your hands from cuts and abrasions. At night the diver should always keep in mind the direction of tidal flow, and plan his dive according to it.

Diving from boat or shore, always try to move uptide (against current) on the first half of the dive. Drifting back with the current at the end of the dive will save your strength and makes for a more comfortable dive.

Good divers have a respect and a "feel" for the sea and take their sport seriously, as it should be. Any person who dives at night should practice turning off his light underwater and get used to the feeling of total darkness, then, if the light does burn out, you won't get rattled and panic.

I have found that I can be completely at ease sitting deep under water in pitch - black darkness with only the pressure of the tide and the gurgling of the air bubbles. Confidence like this is built up with each dive, and takes time

If you think night diving is too difficult, it's not, and with a little practice you , too, will feel quite comfortable under water at night. I have one diving buddy that loves night diving, and he has claustrophobia.

If you'd like a real treat - try a night dive. You'll see things a lot differently, and some of the strange creatures down under will give you a pleasant surprise.

PLASTIC WORM IN THE DEPTHS

by Don Vetter

Though fishing at or near the surface is one of the most enjoyable and exciting methods of taking bass, it is often far from being the most productive, particularly during the dog days of midsummer. Aside from the thrill of watching a largemouth wallop a topwater bug or plug, shoreline bassing appeals to many anglers because of its relative ease. That half-sunken stump or the edge of those lily pads are visible and tempting targets, and you just KNOW that inviting snag has a big bass lingering in the vicinity.

The fact of the matter is that for every bass found prowling the shallows, there are a dozen more in the depths, especially in the case of larger fish.

Determining where to find bass in deeper water, where there is no cover visible to the fisherman, can be difficult, indeed, on an unfamiliar lake or pond. These are the situations which separate the men from the boys when it comes to results; the sharpshooter who can go out and bring in a good catch of bass consistently has something more than just luck going for him.

A thorough knowledge of the subsurface structure of the lake he fishes enables our hypothetical expert to score time after time. He knows where the deep holes and dropoffs are, he knows the location of deep water weed beds, obstructions and shoals; in short, he knows the lake he fishes from top to bottom, for he has taken the time to learn its secrets.

Deepwater bassing is a good case in point for those who insist that to score well you must confine your fishing to a single lake or pond till you know it like the palm of your hand. While there is no real substitute for personal familiarity with a water, gained through long experience in fishing it, there are ways in which you may gain at least a rudimentary knowledge of the bottom structure of the water you intend to fish. Unless you can get a pro to take you out with him (one willing to show you the "honey holes," a rare find indeed), they are the only means at your disposal to assist you in beginning to take bass from the depths.

Plastic worms account for much bass action on Long Island

The Department of Environmental Conservation issues topographic maps of three of the Island's better bass lakes: Ronkonkoma, Laurel, and Wildwood. These maps may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope, together with a request to the Department, at Building 40, SUNY, Stony Brook, New York 11790

Though by no means a panacea, or a substitute for experience, these maps can be of tremendous help in determining where the potential hot spots lie, and if you intend to fish any of these three lakes, obtain the map and study it carefully. If the lake you have in mind is not one of these three, there are means by which you may get some idea of the underwater topography through simple observation. For example, if the shoreline slopes steeply at the water's edge, it's a good bet that deep water lies relatively close to shore at that point. In shallow ponds, the water directly in fromt of a dam is often the deepest. Points of land, which jut into the water, may indicate a bar or shoal extending out into deeper water.

Merely knowing where the deep water lies is only part of the game, as a barren bottom is usually barren of fish as well. The most important consideration in a bass hotspot is the availability of some sort of cover which is more important than water temperature or even available food supply. This cover may take the form of underwater snags, logs or weedbeds, and these are the places you are going to have to find before you can begin to take fish.

The bass are not always to be found directly IN the aforementioned cover, but are rather more likely to be swimming above it; just the proximity of shelter gives them a sense of security in that they have somewhere to dash to, should danger threaten.

For prospecting the depths, plastic worms are definitely the lures to use. Color is often more important to the fishermen than fish, though purple or black worms enjoy the widest popularity.

The hookup is by far the more important. A 2/0 to 3/0 single hook at the head, protected by a wire weed guard, is probably the most often used rig, but an ordinary non-weedless hook, with the barb buried in the worm's body

is the most truly weedless manner of rigging the worm. Since a hungry bass will engulf the entire worm, that one hook at the head will be all you need.

When it comes to slip-sinkers, I find myself in disagreement with the majority of experienced bass fishermen; I don't like them. Having observed numerous snags in the shallows, caused by the worm dropping down one side of an obstruction while the slip-sinker slides down the other, I have no reason to doubt that this would also be the case in deep water situations.

A fixed weight at the worm head, either a heavy split shot or two, or a slip-sinker jammed tightly against the worm with a BB shot, are far less likely to hang up than a free-running slip-sinker. The notion of allowing a bass to run some distance with the worm, before striking, is losing favor as more and more fishermen are learning that a bass takes the entire worm into his mouth when he grabs it, and therefore may be struck as soon as a pick up is felt.

Knowing that bass hover over bottom cover rather than hiding down amidst it, it becomes obvious why working the worm with lifts of the rod is so successful. Each lift brings the worm a foot or two off the bottom, and it is at the height of the lift, or just as the worm begins to settle back, that most of the strikes occur. Always try to keep the worm moving above the cover, as a bass will rarely pick the worm up from the bottom.

Since a hooked bass will invariably head for the densest cover available when he feels the hook go home (not in a deliberate attempt to wrap your line around a snag, but merely to seek shelter), deep water worming is hardly the place for light tackle. A rather stiff, medium-action spin or conventional plug casting rod is best employed. Lines should test no lighter than 10 pound mono for the spin fisherman, and 15 for the plug-rod man. If this seems rather heavy, keep in mind that it takes quite a bit of force to drive the hook into the mouth of a big bass, not to mention the pressure you must often exert to keep him out of those hidden obstructions. Many a trophy bass has broken free through the use of unsuitably light tackle; play it safe and stay on the heavy side.

While it may lack the glamour of fly rod bugging, or working a topwater plug, plumbing the depths with a plastic worm has probably accounted for the demise of more and bigger large mouth bass on Long Island than all the other methods combined.

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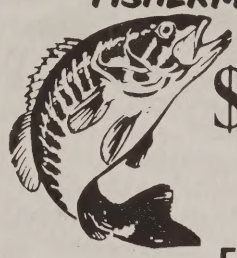

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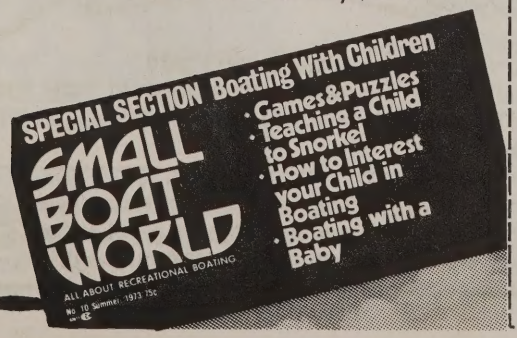
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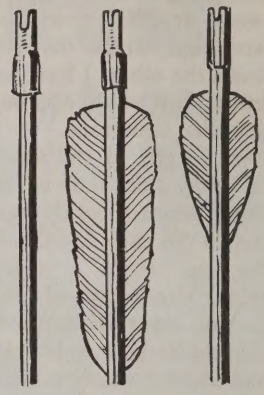

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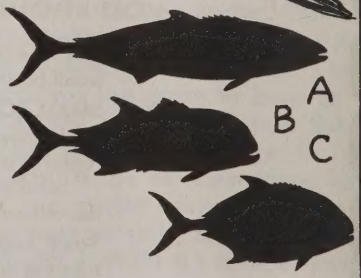

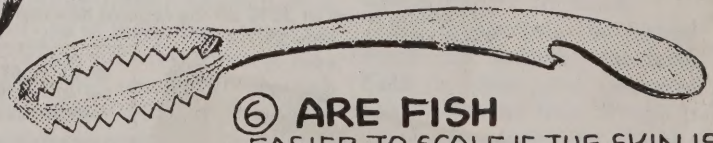

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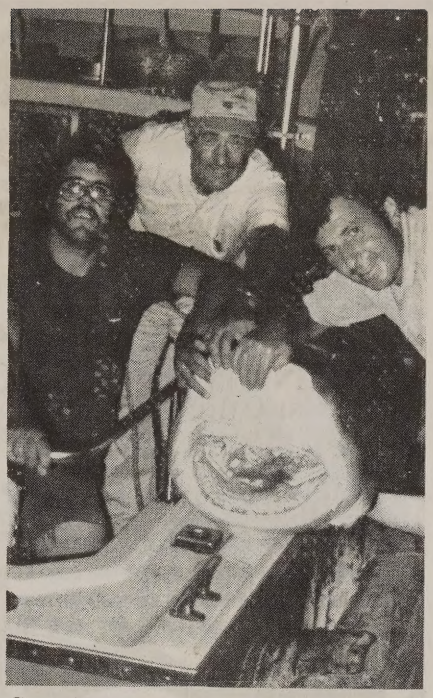

Capt. Harry Frankel, Stuart Fries and Larry Sarowitz show off the jaws of the 450 lb. tiger shark they caught 5 miles west of the H.A. Buoy on August 4.

Capt. Andy Pollio of the Junior II trolled a mixed catch on Saturday consisting of two tuna of 18 and 22 lbs., 6 bonito, 2 skipjacks, and a half dozen blues. He found these fish 7 miles east of Fire Island in 80 feet of water. Green and white and also red and white feathers turned the trick. On Sunday Capt. Pollio had a good day chumming blues off Fire Island.

Marilyn Wardle of Ed's Fishing Station reports good fluke fishing this past week. One group with an outstanding catch was the Kozuch brothers who landed 32, all keeper size. Another lucky angler was Ed Sutter who caught 18. Most of the fluke action is at the inlet and along the flats. Substantial catches of sea bass and porgies are also being made. Marilyn said the bay is loaded with snappers, and flounders can still be caught in Swift Creek and also at the Coast Guard Station.

ISLAND PARK

Clem Esposito of the Commodore Fishing Station reports plenty of mixed size fluke in Reynolds Channel. Also a substantial increase in weakfish action at Debs Inlet and along the Rockaway Beach. Clem, who skippers the party boat Commodore, said he has been drifting hard pieces of bottom and alongside certain wrecks and as a result has been landing some doormat sized fluke. Clem also reports a good number of sea bass are picked up on the hard bottom.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon Miller of Henning's Fishing Station reports fluke fishing is good in Reynolds Channel, although many are shorts. Stripers can be chummed at the Atlantic Beach Bridge. Some bass are also being caught at the Silver Point Jetty on bait and also Rebel plugs. For the boatmen working the beaches, weakfish up to 8 lbs. are being caught. Some blues are also being trolled on tubes and umbrellas. Leon said Capt. Fred Hill of the Four Queens made an overnight trip to the Canyon and returned loaded with tilefish and also three white marlin.

JAMAICA BAY

John Brando of the Cross Bay Rod and Gun Shop reports plenty of action in Jamaica Bay. John said bridge fishermen are doing nicely at the South Channel Bridge on weaks at night. Sandworms have been the bait. Snappers can be caught at both bridges along with good sized blue claw crabs. The South Channel Bridge is also producing striped bass at night, again on sandworms. Porgies are plentiful along the sea wall at Beach Channel Drive. John said fluke are being caught by boat fishermen in the area of the Marine Bridge.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Capt. Rocky Becker of the Tampa IV reports excellent bluefishing this past week in the area of the Seabright

Walter Simmons with a 46½ lb. bunker-caught bass taken in June aboard the Kim. The fish was caught off Rockaway.

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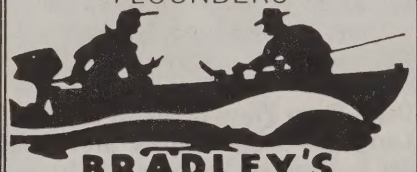

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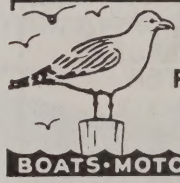

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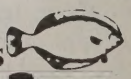

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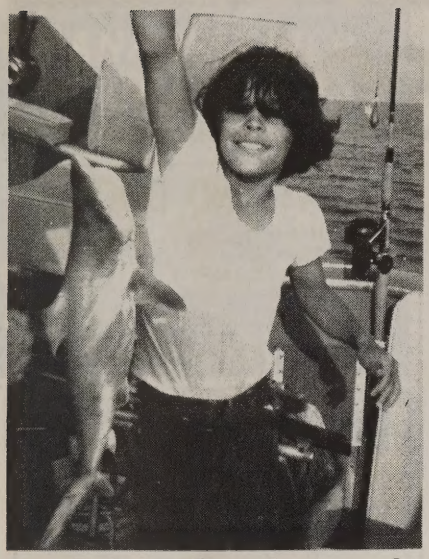
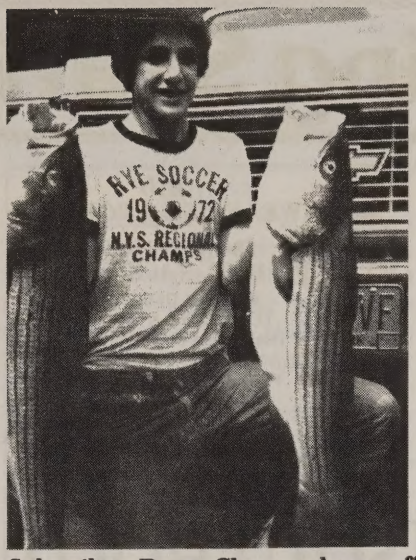


Darin Body from Pennsylvania caught a 5 lb. Mako last week in Peconic Bay, just east of red buoy #2, while fishing aboard his uncle's boat, the Honey II.



Subscriber Doug Choran shows off two of the six striped bass he caught off Rye. The fish ranged from 8 to 17 lbs.

Bell and also the inshore can buoy. Rocky said the fishing has been red hot both day and night in this same area. On Saturday night Eddie Baren of Brooklyn landed 15 blues including one jumbo blue which tilted the scales at 19 lbs.

Capt. Jim Ardolino of the Amberjack IV said he has been loading up on big blues every day this past week. Capt. Ardolino reports the hot area is Seabright, N.J. Jim said his son, Fred, who skippers the boat for night blues, has been finding his best action in the area of the N.C. Buoy.

Joe Lauro, Jr. at Stella Maris Fishing Station reports jig fishermen are having a picnic jigging weaks at dusk in Ambrose Channel at Buoy #8. The A-27 Diamond has been the hot lure. Porgies of mixed size are plentiful at the Tin Can Grounds. Joe also knew of some schoolie bass which were trolled at the Golf Ball on umbrellas and bucktails.

Mike's Tackle Shop reports good fluke fishing in the channels anywhere from Norton's Point to Sandy Hook. Party boats are loading up on blues in the area of the Gas Buoy at Seabright. Mike also knew of some tuna which were chummed at the Mud Hole and also the B.A. Buoy.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop reports good fluke action at Great Kills Park. There are also plenty of porgies and snappers in this same area. Great Kills Park and South Beach are loaded with small pilotfish and the kids are catching them by the bucketful. Some stripers are being taken off the old pier at South Beach. This fishing is being done with worms on the incoming tide. Boat fishermen drifting worms off the Old Home Dock are landing weaks up to 10 lbs. Lenny said blues can be trolled with tubes at Oakwood and Annadale Beach. For the bass fishermen, Hoffman and Swinbern Islands have been producing schoolies on trolled tubes and jigged bucktails.

SANDY HOOK

Joe Julian of the Julian Bait Co. reports plenty of blues off Shrewsbury and also Seabright. Joe said the fish are of good size and there are plenty of them. Some weakfish can also be caught along the beach. Joe said trollers have been picking up school bass on tubes along Sandy Hook at the Golf Ball.

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North Shore Report

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Peter Lieblein of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station says the porgies that are being caught in this area are generally running larger than those caught in the bay. The bluefishing in the Plum Gut is very good using six or eight ounce Diamond jigs. The blackfish are starting in nicely at the lighthouse and they are going between 2 and 4 lbs. Pete reported that one of his boats came in with about forty blacks. Pete would like to remind everyone that the Orient Station will be closed until September 8.

GREENPORT

Art White of the A.P. White Bait Shop reports that trolling long red surgical tubes with sandworms is getting striped bass. This acton is taking place from Horton's Point to Orient Point. The surfcasters are just starting to pick up bass in this area. On the bay side in Southold Bay some surfcasters are getting a few blues, not many, but some went to 9 lbs. Plum Gut and Pigeon Rip has good bluefishing. The east side of Gardiner's Island is good for porgy fishing and fair blackfishing. Some weakfish are in the bay, and Greenport Jetty has porgies. The Wilhelric is doing very well with the porgies and the blackfish.

SOUTHOLD

The Port of Egypt Fishing Station reports the porgy fishing is doing very well in all areas. These fish are not too big but there are loads of them. The weakfishing is good at Buoy #16 in Noyak Bay. The weaks are running in the 2-3 lb. class.

NEW SUFFOLK

Kingfishing is the hot action says Phil Loria of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station. Rose's Grove is where to go for them. Phil says that fishing worms off the bottom produces well. These fish range from a ½ pound up to 1½ pounds. Weakfish of about 2 or 3 lbs. are taken in the same area using either squid or worms. Porgy fishing is fantastic and these fish are getting larger.

MILLER PLACE

Dick's Sporting Goods called in to report that porgies are all over the place—in the Sound or the harbor - any spot. Snappers are plentiful though small in the harbor. The big bass fishing has slowed but the small bass are in the harbor by the eel grass. Casting plugs is best. Scattered schools of blues are around but you must locate them first and then use wire line down deep. Surgical tubes and heavy Tri-Fins are best.

PORT JEFFERSON

Pete of the Plaza Sports Shop reports that the trollers are catching blues of from 6 to 8 lbs. off Crane's Neck. He said that quite a few people are using the Tri-Fin eel on wire line and they are doing very well in the deep water off Cedar Beach. Snappers are being caught off the docks while porgies are everywhere. Some surfcasters on the beach at Miller Place were getting 3 to 4 lb. blues on the poppers Striper Swiper and Stan Gibbs Polaris, as well as the Tri-Fin.

The Jib III is fishing northwest of Crane's Neck. Capt. Bill Littlefield is using chum and bait to get the bluefish. The bluefish all seem to be west of Crane's Neck. Bill said that he only saw a few fish being caught by trolling.

Capt. John Fischer had a family aboard as a charter on Saturday and they caught 40 fish amongst them. The Betty W is also chumming and fishing with butterfish in the Crane's Neck area.

SMITHTOWN

George of the Beacon reports that bluefish are being caught by trolling an umbrella rig or wire line in the deep water at Middle Grounds. Striper fishermen trolling the area from the Brickyard to the loading station are picking up bass of 5 to 15 lbs. Sandworms and long tubes seem to produce best.

NORTHPORT

Mort at Larkfield Sports Center reports that the bait fishermen are doing well all over the harbor as well as outside. Wire lining with umbrella rigs took blues up to 12 lbs.

The Chainlocker reports the porgy and snapper fishing is very good. The kids are having a ball with them all over. The blues are fair to very good throughout the harbor. Warren told of some surfcasters at Sand City that were picking up weakfish to 4 lbs. casting out squid strips.

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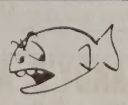

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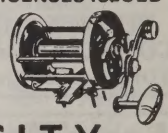

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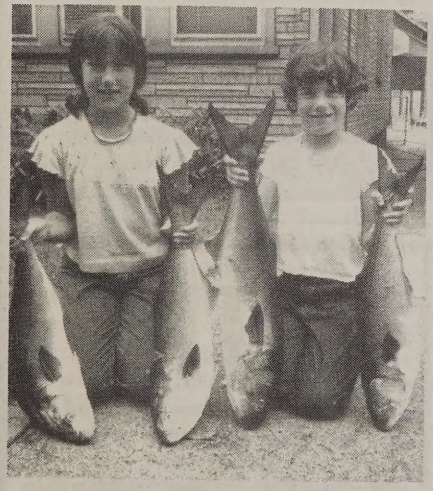

Little Neck Bay produced these blues, up to 14 lbs., for Donna and Donald Womble. The fish were taken aboard the family boat, Helen J.

HUNTINGTON

Capt. Don Constantin of the Ever Ready Fleet reported they are staying with the bay fishing. Their fares are all catching fish. Porgies and flounder with occasional blackfish are the usual catch. Don reported that they are catching more and more weakfish. Some of these weaks are going to four pounds.

COLD SPRING HARBOR

Milt Powles at Veterans Fishing Station says there are plenty of blues, weaks, porgies and snappers available. Stripers are being taken also. Blues and weaks are present in both the Oyster Bay Channel and at the lighthouse. Blues are being trolled and are also being taken by baitfishing with butterfish and bunker chunks. Weaks are caught using worms on the bottom and they run between 4 and 7 lbs. Striped bass trolling with a worm on a Cape Cod or Willow Leaf spinner rig is a good producer. Try trolling this rig along the east side of the harbor. Andy Carbinatti caught 31 striped bass with this rig. The fish were in the 3 to 8 lb. range.

GLEN COVE

John Cacciola reports bluefish all week long in the harbor and along the beaches. They were on top at times and bunker chum and bait was the thing. When they go down, both red and black surgical tubes are doing well. The bluefish are present from Peacock Point all around the Glen Cove beaches to Sea Cliff. A lot of bass are being caught on the Stan Gibbs Bottleneck swimmers and also the poppers off Matinecock Point. Porgy fishing is providing good results as well as black and flounder fishing. John went on to say that he personally contacted the Conservation Department regarding the fish kill of last week and they assured him that the fish kill was due to oxygen depletion.

CITY ISLAND

Capt. Pete of the North Star has been fishing the Huntington area between Lloyds Point and Eaton's Neck for porgies. The fish are running about ¾ to 1 lb. Pete reported that the catches are running between 20 to 50 fish per man.

Jack's Bait & Tackle reported the bluefishing is doing very well at the Throggs Neck Bridge. You name the method and you can do it. Morning and evening seem to be best. Trolling red and black tubes on wire and fishing cut bait and chum gets them. When they are on top try the Tri-Fin or a popper.

CONNECTICUT SCENE

DICK ALLEY

The western end of Long Island Sound has shown a slowdown, but fishing in the eastern end holds fairly well. Is it the summer doldrums, or is it only by coincidence that where the bunkers have vanished so too has the fabulous fishing we were experiencing.

OLD LYME

Sal Vinci reports from Black Hall Marina and tells of 12 and 14 pound blues from shore. Soundview at Old Lyme Buoy is paying off and a 14¼ pound chopper is leading the bluefish contest at Black Hall. A few big bass have gone to the surf men fishing the Hawk's Nest area, with one 52 pounder captured, and a 42 lb. fish tagged and released. Fluke and porgies are heading up the bottom species at Point Of Woods.

MERIDEN

From Float N' Sinker Tackle Shop in Meriden, Mark tells of a continuing fair run of bass at Watch Hill. Bunker are available at Latimer's Light, and blues continue really strong at the Race. Ronnie Fontaine found a school of weaks in a heavy fog off Weekapaug Breachway in Rhode Island the other day, and captured two dozen 4 to 8 pounders before he lost them again. The fish were about a mile off shore.

WATERFORD

The bass situation is improving again, with a couple of fish in the 36 and 38 pound class coming from the

Joe Rich, of Meriden, Conn., weighed this 49 lb. striper at Wetmore's Marina. The fish was taken on a live eel off the Clinton-Westbrook area.

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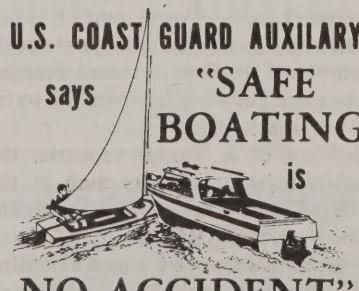

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Giant's Neck area during the week. While blacks and flounder are slow, the fluke situation continues to be rated good.

OLD SAYBROOK

Russ Fleet of the Connecticut River Striped Bass Club gives us the bad news first. Blues pulled out, temporarily we hope, from the areas of 6 Mile Reef and Southwest Reef, and bluefishing has been slow off Rhode Island. Bass are still hitting well, with Al Krug, Henry Valentine and Dick Reardon all scoring on eels in the Westbrook area. Their fish ranged from 5 to 25 lbs. The Charleston Breach in Rhody produced a 30 pounder, and a weak on bucktails for Jim Schumacher. Quonnie Breach has also been loaded with weaks on occasion. Small school bass have been hitting small swimming lures in the Connecticut River with regularity, especially on the night tides.

NEW HAVEN

While fishing for other species has slacked off slightly, porgies are still red hot. Walt Janeczek at Outdoor Sports has also been receiving disturbing reports of porgies being hot in an area, when suddenly anglers begin pulling in "half-a-fish." The next day not a porgy can be found in the area. THE BLUEFISH ARE HUNGRY, and without their main food supply, BUNKERS, other species suffer. The Fort Hale area is producing blues on the bottom for anglers fishing cut baits.

STONINGTON

Freddie's Boat Livery reports good fishing in this area. While flounder are slow, porgies are thick, along with school bass. Fishermen going to the Race for blues are coming back happy every day. Porgy action has been good, and fluke continue to be the best daily bet.

MILFORD

Vin Ciulla at the Sportsman's Rendezvous advises of good fishing for mixed bass and blues from the mouth of the Housatonic River to Charles Island. Big bass are being taken at Morningside, with the biggest fish of the week weighing in at 44 pounds. Small bait moving out of the estuaries is bringing lots of school fish in too.

STRATFORD

At the Housatonic Marina, Mrs. Fordham tells of good bluefishing on the evening tides at the mouth of the River near the breakwater. The Stratford Town Dock is also experiencing excellent fishing for big choppers on cut bait, with many fish running in the 7 and 8 lb. class. Reminder: Anglers fishing north of the RR Bridge need a fresh water license, even for bluefish.

BRIDGEPORT

Alex Bish at Cedar Creek Marine finds a general slowdown, with porgies hanging in as the best fish of the week. School bass are being taken frequently, especially in the early mornings at spots like Fayerweather and the harbor mouth. Bluefish action for the most part is on the Long Island side.

Bob at Bob's Bait also reports a general slowdown, with snappers the only really hitting fish at this time. Blacks are still being caught at Buoy 18 and the Oyster Stakes.

Ted Ferrante told of Al Sabo who weighed in a 38 pounder at Ted's Bait & Tackle, along with fishing partner, Paul Kennedy, who captured a bass of 20 lbs. The fish were taken at Sunken Island on cut bait. Porgies are only fair, and blues have slowed.

WESTPORT

Still a few bass in the Norwalk Islands, but most Westport fishermen are either traveling across to 11B or staying home and dropping a line anywhere from the Post Road Bridge to Compo Basin for snappers by the bucketful, according to Ed Boland of the Westport Tackle Shop. Porgies have slowed since the bluefish invasion of a couple of weeks ago, and weakfish are being found occasionally scattered along the Westport shoreline. First tinker mackerel have showed up at Burial Hill.

NORWALK

Tom Borges at the Tackle Box also reports Norwalk Harbor thick with snappers, as well as fair catches of weakfish at Round Beach. Ed Klim picked up a 14 pound chopper, we know not where. Weakfish catches are averaging 7 and 8 per angler.

At Mola Bros. Bait & Tackle, Rick reports the blues hitting again at Buoy 11B off Eaton's Neck, and at 24C. Vin Mola took 41 on a morning tide. Snappers and porgies are being taken frequently just about everywhere, and weaks are showing fairly often around Tavern Island. Charlies Carroll nailed a 25 pound bass during the week, and his other bunker bait was chased by a 7 foot shark.

DARIEN

Bert Van Sciver at the Bait Shop weighed in a 26 pound bass, taken at Sheffield Island. Bert added that weaks were in the mouth of the river

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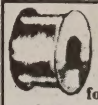
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"If it weren't for porgies," says Chris at Pat's Marina. The fish slowdown isn't affecting them at all, and school bass seem to be available. Worms trolled and drifted are working best. Weakfish are only occasional.

GREENWICH

Skipper John Minnitti of the Delmar has been finding good fishing, and reports the bottom packed with porgies and surprisingly good blackfishing. A few weaks are still hanging in. Night trips for blues have been disappointing so far, but could open up any day.

At the Sportsman's Den, Russ Van Wynen reports a pickup in bluefishing in Greenwich Cove, with cut bait the answer. Steve Beaumont took four from 7 to 12 lbs. Weakfish are also in the cove, running from 4 to 6 lbs., with grubtails and sandworms both producing well. Biggest bass of the week scaled 21 lbs., and it was mixed right in with the bluefish.

WESTCHESTER

In Rye, at Point Tackle, Dan Catalano reports good fishing. School bass are plentiful in waters between Rye and Mamaroneck, with a couple of fish scaling in the twenties during the week. Weaks are still plentiful right in Rye Harbor, and blues are hitting well between the Whitestone and Throggs Neck Bridges.

Fred Archer at Mamaroneck Fishing Station had two big fish weighed in this week, a 42 lb. 14 oz. bass by Bud Wright, and a Schaefer Award special weighing 50 lbs. 4 ozs., caught by Paul Barbis. Paul's line tested 15 lbs., and the lure was a REBEL. Fred tells us there are only a few bunkers around, accounting for the slowdown in bluefishing, however, scores of porgies come in daily to keep everyone busy.

In New Richelle, Fred at Camerons Fishing Station tells of good bluefishing down deep. Porgies are small but available, and stripers are coming in heavy, with a ¾ oz. feather baited with a piece of worm accounting for most.

NORWALK

The fishing boat Theresa-L, skippered by Tom Duscio, is catching lots of porgies, plenty of weaks, a few blacks, and a good number of bluefish. A couple of hours fishing produced a couple of dozen choppers to 10 pounds in weight.

NEW JERSEY

PETE BARRETT

SANDY HOOK

Bill at Henjo Dock reported good fishing over the weekend at Spermacetti Cove, the Officer's Beach and the Munition Channel. The high hooks were Henry McKeow, Jim Kazary and Charles Kazary with 73 fluke up to 6 lbs. A few stray blues are spicing things up and the crabbing is getting better.

Chumming for blues has been the producer of fish at the Shrewsbury Rocks and the Ambrose Tower, reports Julian's Sport Shop. A few tuna have also been caught. Weakfish are showing up in Sandy Hook Bay but the fishing has been spotty. Crabbing is good and the snapper blues are in thick offering good summer fishing. Stripers are slower than during the early season pace but the bass men like Bill Schmidt trolled up four stripers from 12 to 17 lbs. Tubes are the preferred lures now but umbrella rigs are also taking fish like the largest of the week for Mark Dorne of 39 pounds.

SEABRIGHT

Cartoppers and jetty jocks are picking bass, blues and weakfish, reports Armand at Giglio's. Blues up to 12 lbs. have been steady at the Shrewsbury Rocks. Best lures have been Polaris poppers, Hopkins and Red Fins. Fluke have been hitting good along the beach and in the river but the choppy water slowed it down on Saturday. Weakfish are about half way out to the Rock and are hitting on Millie bucktails.

LONG BRANCH

"We had weaks, bass, fluke and snappers," reports Paul at Monmouth Tackle. Most stripers are in the 5-6 lb. range like Willie Frezza's bass he picked on plugs at the State Park. Weakfish are beginning to show and one catch by Kenny Warren weighed in at 6 lbs. Best fluking is at the jetties in Long Branch and in the Shrewsbury.

Stephen's Tackle reported plenty of school bass along the Long Branch jetties on sandworms and other baits. Fluke fishing slowed on Saturday because of rough water, but blues came in on the beach at West End Saturday night.

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KINGSTON

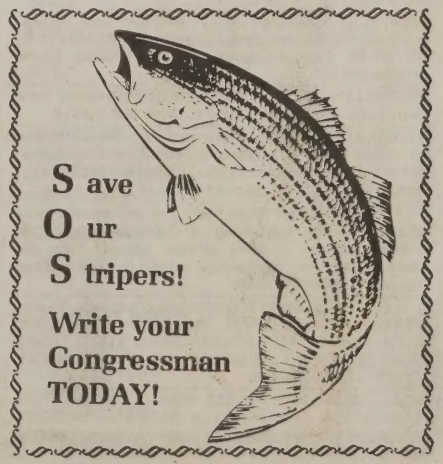
Roy's Bait & Tackle said the smallmouth fishing continued to be good at the Roundout Creek. Use live shiners, spinners and Rapalas for best action. Roy feels the early morning is the best time for the bigger fish.

VERPLANCK

Ace & Charlie's reported good crabbing in Haverstraw Bay. White perch are all over the river and snapper blues are beginning to show.

LOWER HUDSON

Ed Graser at the Outdoorsman Ltd. reported striper action at the Spuyten Duyvil on crabs and worms. Poppers and bucktails are scoring during early morning and late afternoon periods. Blues are hitting red tubes at Robbins Reef and at the Statue of Liberty. Snappers are running up to 12 inches from West New York to Nyack. Perch and eels are abundant and crabbing is excellent.



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SANDY HOOK STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	3:43	4:17
Fri.	4:58	5:24
Sat.	6:04	6:25
Sun.	7:00	7:19
Mon.	7:49	8:08
Tues.	8:36	8:52
Wed.	9:19	9:33
Thurs.	10:04	10:18

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0	50
Shinnecock Bay	+1	25
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	+1	18
Indian Reservation	+3	05
MORICHES INLET	−0	56
Smith's Point	+3	28
Harts Cove	+1	30
Potunk Point	+3	35
Mastic Beach	+3	28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0	38
(Inlet, Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	−0	38
Coast Guard Station	−0	19
Fire Island Light	+0	47
GREAT SOUTH BAY		
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3	39
Heckscher State Park	+3	20
Bay Shore	+2	23
Babylon	+2	12
Amityville	+2	21
JONES INLET	+0	19
Loop Parkway Bridge	+0	25
Zachs Bay	+1	25
Seaford Harbor	+2	05
Freeport Creek	+0	34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	−0	06
Long Beach Bridge	+0	19
ROCKAWAY INLET	+0	00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	+0	38
JFK Airport	+0	26
STATEN ISLAND	+0	27
MANASQUAN	−0	12

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NEW LONDON STATION

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Fri.	6:32	6:52
Sat.	7:27	7:53
Sun.	8:24	8:46
Mon.	9:14	9:38
Tues.	10:01	10:24
Wed.	10:49	11:10
Thurs.	11:33	11:58

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Southold	+1	43
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South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
Promised Land (Napeague)	−0	14
Fort Pond Bay	−0	29
Montauk Inlet	−0	25
Montauk Point	−1	13

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	A.M		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	12:35	**7:20**	1:10	**7:50**
Fri.	1:30	**8:20**	2:05	**8:45**
Sat.	2:30	**9:15**	3:00	**9:45**
Sun.	3:35	**10:05**	4:00	**10:35**
Mon.	4:15	**10:55**	4:50	**11:20**
Tues.	5:05	**11:40**	5:35	
Wed.	5:50	**12:05**	6:20	**12:35**
Thurs.	6:45	**12:55**	7:10	**1:25**

WESTERN Long Island Sound

Long Island Sound
WILLETS POINT STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	7:04	7:39
Fri.	8:44	9:08
Sat.	9:56	10:16
Sun.	10:51	11:14
Mon.	11:40	
Tues.	12:02	12:27
Wed.	12:47	1:08
Thurs.	1:28	1:46

on WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0	10
Execution Light	−0	06
Manhasset Bay	−0	01
Hempstead Harbor	−0	11
City Island	−0	03
Rye Beach	−0	28

Long Island SOUND

Long Island Sound
BRIDGEPORT STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	7:22	7:46
Fri.	8:27	8:51
Sat.	9:28	9:49
Sun.	10:23	10:45
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